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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Atsushi NAGAHARA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2178

Application No.: 10/736,745

Examiner: D. FARBER

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Docket No.: 117978

For: LAYOUT SYSTEM, LAYOUT PROGRAM, AND LAYOUT METHOD

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the February 27, 2006 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims;

Amendments to the Drawings include an attached replacement sheet; and

Remarks.